



Your voice matters. We listened.

Together, we will co-create, collaborate, and co-lead.

Your responses to our Policy Priorities survey and the vital input you provided will inform our 2024 policy agenda.

What You Said



Reduce food waste and promote food donation.

Families don't have enough money or resources to put food on the table, while quality food goes to waste every day. Policies that improve linkages between food production and the charitable food system are vital to ending hunger and reducing the climate impact of food waste.



The financial struggle is real for many; food insecurity is rising.

Inflation has increased the cost of food and made it more inaccessible



Preventing hunger through advocacy is about addressing underlying issues.

We can prevent hunger by advocating for underlying systemic issues like economic security, poverty alleviation, and affordable housing



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What We're Doing



Our policy advocacy can make a difference. Our collective voices can make a difference by **changing policies that perpetuate inequity and structural racism** with bold policy solutions.



To end hunger, we know we have to tackle not just its consequences, but its root causes. That means raising our voices on policies that impact **economic security, housing, and the entire social safety net.**



We partner with trusted community-based organizations to ensure all those who need food can get it, and we want to continue **working with community leaders like you** and elected officials to advocate for lasting change.

Stay tuned for our 2024 Policy Agenda, informed by you!

What You Can Do

Sign up for Action Alerts to hear more and to take action when these issues need your voice.

Our voices are stronger together — join us in one of the many coalitions we're part of: [CA Hunger Action Coalition](#) | [School Meals for All](#) | [Food for All](#) Immigrant Food Access | [Californians for SSI](#)

What did we miss? Are you working on advocacy to fight hunger or its root causes? Let's connect! Reach out: advocacy@sfmfoodbank.org



Key Findings

In February 2024, we asked our network of partners, participants, volunteers, and donors to tell us about the state of hunger in their communities, and what they thought we should do about it. Our Policy Priorities survey was a first step in engaging with our community, to build a more inclusive, equitable policy agenda together.

Our community is engaged and enthusiastic about contributing to systemic change through advocacy and public policy.

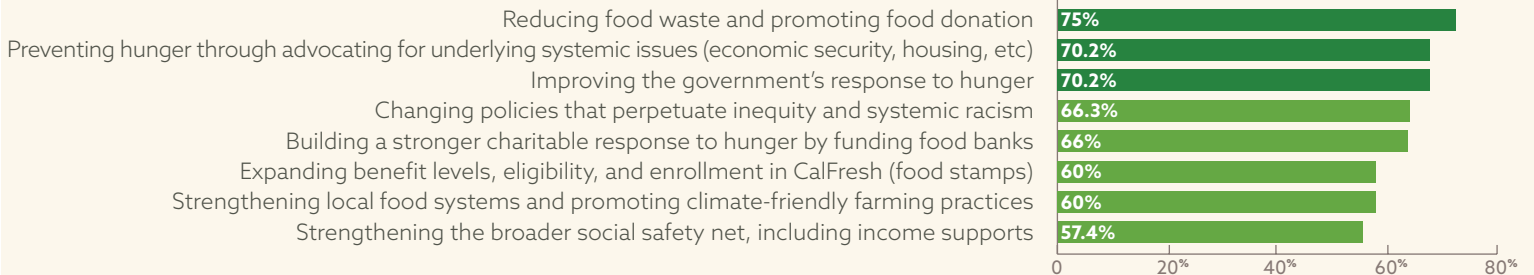


114 volunteers, donors, and partners responded to the survey
100% of the partners who started the survey completed it

We asked our partner network:

“What do you think are the most important issues we should focus our advocacy on in the coming year?”

We asked them to rate a series of options as “Most Important”, “Somewhat Important” and “Least Important”



Our community's priorities are aligned with the Food Bank's priorities:

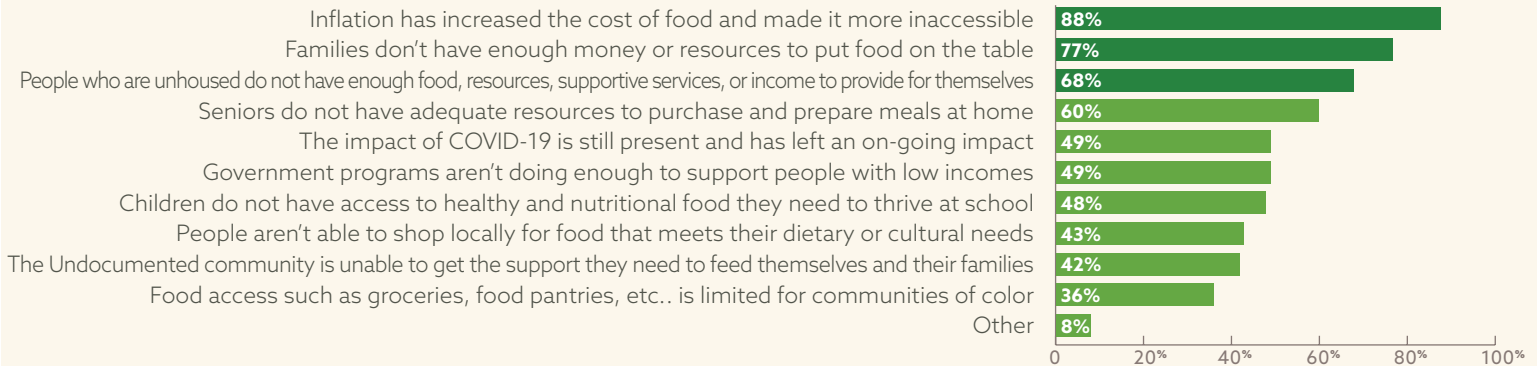


75% of respondents said that **Reducing food waste and promoting food donation** was the “Most Important” issue to prioritize in our policy work.



70.2% said that **Changing policies that perpetuate inequity and systemic racism** was “Most Important”

Responses to “How do you see hunger showing up in your community?” reiterate the ongoing effects of inflation have **increased hardship and the cost of food, making it harder to access and unaffordable.**



What Respondents said we should prioritize to address hunger

Improving Income Supports

- While all the food work that needs to be done is important, we cannot do it without funding. We need to advocate for secure funding so that our participants do not lose their food safety net.
- Engaging with the government to increase resources to battle food insecurity.

Addressing the root causes

- Inequity is a systemic issue that needs to be addressed.

Food systems

- Supporting healthy agricultural eco-system. Moving the emphasis

of legislation to be consumer/health-focused rather than Big Ag focused.

Food Access for special populations

- Advocate for extending eligibility for programs such as CalFresh to undocumented immigrants while also pushing for increased affordability in food help families meet their needs in our expensive community.
- Stronger food safety net for people who are undocumented, income support (not tied to substance use testing), addressing major expenses like child care and rent.